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“THIS WEEK IN HISTORY”

Civil Air Patrol 62nd Anniversary

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An icon in humanitarian service is celebrating its 62nd anniversary this week. Civil Air Patrol, the U. S. Air Force Auxiliary, was formed on December 1st, 1941.

During World War II, CAP volunteers performed the World War II version of homeland security by patrolling the coastlines of America looking for enemy submarines.

Today CAP has come full circle, now performing homeland security missions in response to the events of 9-11. CAP performs search and rescue, disaster relief and counterdrug missions and also takes a leading role in America's aerospace education programs. Finally, CAP members serve as mentors to the 27,000 young people participating in CAP's youth programs.

Congratulations to Civil Air Patrol, still growing after 62 years!

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